

## **Intervention from Women Major Group in Thematic Session Thursday 4 May 2006**

I am happy to see that we have finally succeeded in putting indoor air pollution that concerns women lives on the CSD development agenda. However, we bring to your attention two gaps in the discussion:

1) The need to consider the entire cooking-fuel chain that starts from collecting and gathering biomass, to transportation, processing and finally cooking. While we have drawn attention to the impact of the last element vis-à-vis cooking; we need to think about the health impacts of gathering fuels vis-à-vis bruises, snakebites and encounters with wild animals; transportation vis-à-vis, backaches, neck-aches and knee and feet injuries.

2) There is a need to improve the health care of those women that are already suffering from respiratory infections due to IAP, in terms of the treatment and prevention programmes. The capacity of health care providers need to be increased to be able to effectively handle this problem.

These two points need to be emphasised in the research and action agenda.